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\*M AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5617

INFO SECDEF WASHDC /ISA/DSAA PRIORITY

CNO WASHDC/OP-63

S E C R E T BEIRUT 14143

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE, CE

SUBJECT: PATROL BOATS FOR GOL

REF: A. STATE 240605 (NOTAL.

B. DAO BEIRUT 722 DTG 302145Z AUG 73 (NOTAL.

C. CNO 212345Z SEP 73 (NOTAL.

D. PHONECON LTC SIDERIUS DAO BEIRUT, MR SEITZ, CNO  
OP-63, 15 OCT 73.

1. WE AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND HOW WPB CASE DEVELOPED PER  
REF A. FMS CASE WAS NEVER IN COMPETITION WITH COM-  
MERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS. ALTHOUGH WPB'S WERE TO BE RE-  
STORED TO OPERABLE CONDITION AND QUOTES WERE REQUESTED  
FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW ENGINES, UPGRADING TO TUNE OF  
\$350 THOUSAND PER BOAT HAS NEVER BEEN CONTEMPLATED.

2. PER REF B, DAO REPORTED GOL INTEREST IN WPB'S EX-  
CEPT THAT TRANSPORTATION COSTS QUOTED APPEARED HIGH.  
PER REF C, L/O WAS CANCELLED AND NEW L/O'S WERE TO BE  
ISSUED TO PROVIDE TRANS AND SUPPORT PACKAGE AND NEW EX-  
PIRATION DATE OF 1 JAN 74. PER REF D TWO NEW L/O'S WERE  
TO BE ISSUED, INSTEAD OF ONE, DURING WEEK OF 15 OCT WHICH  
WERE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOL TO HAVE CHOICE BE-  
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TWEEN INSTALLING NEW ENGINES IN US OR ALTERNATELY SHIP-  
PING PARTS TO LEBANON FOR IN-COUNTRY INSTALLATION. IN  
ADDITION, IT WAS INDICATED THAT FAVORABLE TRANSPORTATION  
COSTS COULD PROBABLY BE NEGOTIATED IF SPRING OR SUMMER  
DELIVERY WERE AGREED UPON. THIS INFO WAS PASSED TO LEB  
ARMY WHO EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN CASE. TO DATE,  
HOWEVER, L/O'S HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. ARMY CONTINUES  
TO REQUEST WHAT IT HAS BEEN LED TO BELIEVE IS FORTHCOMING  
I.E., SEPARATE LETTERS OF OFFER WHICH INCLUDE THE BOATS,  
RESTORATION COSTS, SUPPORT PACKAGES, AND COSTS OF NEW  
ENGINES INSTALLED ALTERNATIVELY IN THE US OR IN LEBANON.  
AT SAME TIME, ARMY BEMOANS DELAY OF L/O'S ALLOWING UN-  
REASONABLY SHORT TIME FOR PROCESSING PRIOR TO 1 JAN 74  
EXPIRATION DATE.

3. PAYMENT IS PLANNED UNDER FY 72 FMS CREDIT AGREEMENT.  
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